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Dec. 6, 4 p.m.
Speaker/Worshop: Critically acclaimed author and musician Daniel Hecht will host a reading/writer's workshop. John Dewey Lounge, Old Mill. Information: 656-4047

Dec. 6, 3:30 p.m. Panel Discussion: UTC hosts a discussion on critical transportation issues with Neale Lunderville, VTrans Secretary; Cindy Burbank of the Federal Highway Administration; and Tom Adler, president of the Resource Systems Group. Chittenden Room, Davis Center. Information: [University Transportation Center](#).

Dec. 9, 4 p.m. Recital: Bassoonist and UVM music instructor Rachael Elliott and pianist Cynthia Huard of Middlebury College present an afternoon recital of new music influenced by the rhythms and harmonies of rock and jazz. UVM Recital Hall. Information: 656-3040.

Dec. 11, 8:30 a.m. Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle Conference featuring Nancy Gioia, director of sustainable mobility technologies and hybrid vehicle programs for Ford Motor Company. Davis Center. Information: [University Transportation Center](#).

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Basketball captain earns rank through diligence

By Jon Reidel

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Though Sarah Madey calls her experience as a UVM student-athlete a “dream come true,” it’s a vision she never actually dreamt. The tri-captain of the Catamount women’s basketball team grew up in Derby Line, Vermont, where the family home was just a 45-second walk south of the Canadian

border. For college, she had her sights on something very different — New York University and the city.

Despite being accepted at NYU, a meager financial aid package forced her to reconsider; late in the admissions cycle, Madey looked closer to home. “It was the scariest month of my life,” she says. “Fortunately, UVM gave me a chance.”

Once in, Madey’s next challenge was trying to earn a spot on the basketball team. She’d missed her senior season at North Country High School with a torn ACL and admits that she thought her chances were “a little bit of a reach.” Nonetheless, she contacted Coach Sharon Dawley about a tryout. When the coach told her to mail a highlight tape, she got her first glimpse of the athlete’s commitment. Madey jumped in the car and drove to Burlington the next day to deliver it personally.

On tape and on court with varsity players over the summer, Dawley liked what she saw and invited her to join the team as a walk-on in 2005. Madey uses the word “surreal” to describe her reaction to the unexpected news. “I sincerely thought she was joking,” says Madey, who was awarded a full scholarship this season. “I went up to her later and said, ‘I just need to double check something: Am I really on the team?’ I honestly didn’t think the words that came out of her mouth were even an option at that point. I called my parents and they were like, ‘What? Really?’”

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Bench mark

Madey's first two seasons as a Catamount were distinguished by her exceptional work ethic, not surprising for a college junior who has coach Rick Pitino's *Success is a Choice* at the top of her iPod playlist. As a testament to her hard work and leadership, Madey's teammates named her a tri-captain in November, despite limited playing time and a humble stat sheet.

Points per game is one thing — commitment per practice is another. Madey's teammates place a high value on the example she sets. Her coach puts it simply: "She's never been outworked during her time here."

Madey's efforts have proven infectious. "We came into the pre-season in better shape than we ever have before," Madey says. "Even our eating habits have changed. We value everything that we do, and I think you're seeing the results of that on and off the court."

Madey is hoping her own work might pay off eventually with more playing time this season. She's proven in games that she can contribute, including a team-high 10-point effort as a freshman in a loss to Hartford. If the minutes don't come, and they haven't yet this season, she won't complain.

"It's a different position to sit on the bench, especially as an upperclassman and a captain," she says. "I'd like to provide leadership on the court as well. You just have to keep working hard and help others, and things will work out for the best."

Though a little later than originally planned, Madey is looking ahead to making that move to New York City after she graduates in 2009.

She'll try to build on her UVM education in business administration with concentrations in marketing and human resource development and a minor in women and gender studies.

"Whatever I do I want it to have a humanitarian aspect to it that helps people," she says. To that end, she's currently working as a business operations intern for the Red Cross, where she's made presentations to committees, conducted a financial analysis, and helped develop a multi-regional business plan.

"I feel like it's more than a typical internship," she says. "They've really involved me in some meaningful projects and really seem to value my input. It's one of the most beneficial things I've ever done."

The women's basketball team, currently 5-2, will play three consecutive home games starting on Saturday, Dec. 8 against Lafayette. Information: [UVM Athletics](#).



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UVM librarian offers up "100 Great American Novels You've (Probably) Never Read"

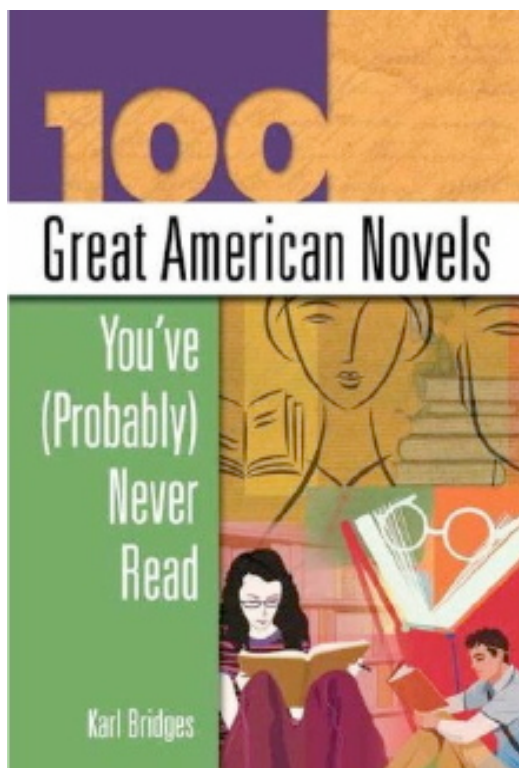
By Kevin Foley

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When it comes to library technology, Karl Bridges is firmly planted in the 21st century. When it comes to reading, one of the great passions of his life, Bridges is more of a 19th century guy.

Which is one of the things that makes the library associate professor's new book, *100 Great American Novels You've (Probably) Never Read* (Libraries Unlimited), interesting and somewhat audacious. Bridges is not a literary theorist. He is not an English professor — his bachelor's and first master's degrees are in history. He *is* a book lover and black-belt reader.

"Look, I read three or four hours a day. I've done this almost every day since I was a five-year-old. If you do anything for 40,000 hours, you get pretty good at it," Bridges says.



The premise of his book is summed up by the title: Bridges wanted to compile a wide sampling of pleasurable but largely forgotten novels. Some would be so-called lesser works by famous writers (Don DeLillo's *Players*), some would be genre fiction (Chester Himes' *Lonely Crusade*), some would be from literary favorites who never found a large audience (Laurie Colwin's *Shine On, Bright & Dangerous Object*), some would be just plain out of fashion (Roark Bradford's *John Henry*).

In aggregate, Bridges' wanted his selections to form a book list for people like him, people who had already worked their way through all the lists of great novels, great mysteries, or great what-have-yous. His picks might guide a librarian's recommendations to clients or help build

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library collections.

No criticism

His methods for achieving his goals were varied. In his quest for the good and overlooked, Bridges talked with friends and fellow librarians. He combed biographies and other sources for mentions of texts. He paged through old best-seller lists. He haunted bookshops, talking with booksellers and seeing what used books on the shelves looked particularly well thumbed.

What he didn't do was look at criticism. "I didn't want this to be me regurgitating what critics have to say. It was a thought experiment: Take me, a reasonably educated person. What would I pick for this kind of collection? I wanted it to reflect my own taste if for no other reason than I was going to have to read all these things. I wanted them to be novels I would enjoy."

Bridges, a proud generalist who works on both digital collections and classics texts at the UVM Libraries, saw the project as a quasi-Victorian effort, the kind of wide-ranging personal effort that was common in the 19th and early 20th century but rarer today in a world of professional specialized scholarship.

He estimates that he read or re-read approximately 200 novels to develop the project, and then completed multiple rounds of self-editing and consultation to come up with a group of 100 books diverse enough in subject, genre, era and locale to include something that almost anyone would like. Bridges' personal tastes tend toward older books (he loves Victorian novels by Dickens and Trollope), but he picked novels as recent as 1997, the newest he reckoned to have proven staying power.

For each selection, Bridges provides a brief quotation from the text, a plot summary and review, biographical material and lists of other publications and references.

"There's something in here to please everyone," Bridges says.

"(Saying there's a theme) implies they fit together somehow. I just wanted to make sure that I covered a lot of areas that would be of interest ... immigrants, feminism, politics, history ..."

The authors he whose books he picked include Anne Bernays, Ernest J. Gaines, Robert Coover, Znzia Yeziarska, William Dean Howells, Edmund White, George Santayana and Ellen Anderson Gholson Glasgow.

Reading life

Bridges looked for underappreciated books that worked on multiple levels — a novel like Mary McCarthy's *The Groves of Academe* that works as light Kingsley Amis-type campus satire, but also makes incisive points about politics, paranoia and McCarthyism.

But his truest guide was pleasure. Bridges is simultaneously positive about the state of reading in America — he visits new and used bookstores wherever he goes, and they're usually crowded with happy readers — and a little wistful about a culture that pushes pleasure reading to the periphery.

"On this campus there's lots and lots of reading — but how much of it is for fun? How much of it is done not in relation to our jobs or our classes? In America, reading for pleasure is done, but you don't admit to it," Bridges says. "Reading is something we do when we are doing something else, like grabbing an airplane."

Bridges wants to see more pleasure reading — quirky, individualistic and unashamed. Maybe someone might look at his book and find a selection or two they like. But ultimately, it's not a *book* Bridges plugs in conversation with a reporter, it's *books*. He'd like to see everyone at UVM devote one hour a week to fun reading: no memos, no monographs, no agenda besides enjoyment.

"If you don't like the choices in my book that's OK," he says. "Come on down to the library. There are a million more upstairs."



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Trustees Change Debt Policy, Approve Capital Projects

President Fogel receives high marks on five-year comprehensive review

By The View Staff

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The group approved increasing the university's "debt burden ratio" — the percentage of annual operating expenses that can be used to service debts — from 5 to 6 percent. The change allowed trustees to green light \$52 million in long-planned projects and renovations including a "greening" of Aiken Center, improvements to the Colchester Research Facility and Given Medical Building, and considerable deferred maintenance and campus upkeep.

President Daniel Mark Fogel said taking on a higher relative level of debt posed some risks, but the risks were prudent and necessary "in order to exploit strategic opportunities, and, conversely, to avoid any erosion of our competitive position." He emphasized that the university's capital spending plans emphasize long-deferred repairs and academically essential projects, not "fancy bells and whistles."

Fogel also said he was strongly committed to raising funds for capital projects from donors and grants. Trustees and administration call for at least 25 percent of capital funds to come from sources other than borrowing.

Although the debt ratio discussion dominated the weekend, trustees also completed a five-year comprehensive review of Fogel and passed a resolution citing the university's "extraordinary success across a broad spectrum of academic, educational, research, programmatic, resource, campus life, and academic endeavors" under Fogel's "outstanding leadership." The resolution also stated that the university's "shared achievements, goals, and values have coalesced" during Fogel's watch.

The final vote on Saturday, Dec. 1 to change the debt ratio was not unanimous. Trustee John Snow, who was on the committee that set the original debt ratio in 2003, cast the lone dissenting vote, in part on the grounds that increasing the ratio now would reduce the university's maneuverability in the future. "We're all trying to keep the administration's feet to the fire," he said. "It's just a matter of

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how close."

Trustee Susan Hudson-Wilson, a bullish supporter of increasing the university's debt capacity, said she felt that moving the debt ratio from 5 to 6 percent required less of a leap of faith than the original decision to set the ratio at 5 percent. Hudson-Wilson's confidence stemmed, she said, from the sophisticated financial tools the university now has at its disposal that it did not have in 2003, namely the Strategic Financial Plan and the Strategic Capital Plan, which allow the university to accurately forecast varying financial scenarios and to systematically prioritize capital projects.

Highlights of the board's two major committee meetings follow.

Budget, Finance and Investment Committee: The committee recommended the ultimately adopted ratio, which will give trustees the option to spend as much as \$257 million on capital projects over the next nine years.

The committee and the whole board allocated \$17 million for an addition and upgrade to the Given Building and \$13 million to renovate and upgrade the Aiken Center. They also allocated \$7.5 million for Terrill; \$5.7 million to renovate the Colchester research facility; \$5 million for deferred-maintenance projects; and \$4 million to renovate the Harris-Millis residential complex.

Approving the debt ratio didn't come without lengthy debate among the group, which continued into the full board's subsequent meeting. Budget committee members agreed during their meetings that the university's "invest and grow" strategy was successful but expressed concern that revenue could slow as the number of college-age students decreases regionally and nationwide.

Fogel had addressed the issue in his presidential report at the beginning of the board meetings. "First, we should all keep in mind that we are nearing the end of the aggressive enrollment growth that has been, in this first multi-year lap of a long race, the engine of success in our Strategic Financial Plan," he said. "Have we been successful? You bet! We are more than a year ahead of our undergraduate enrollment growth target, and our trajectory today is very positive, with applications for next fall up 21 percent — early action applicants alone were up 35 percent on Nov. 27, and we already had in the hopper, by mid-November, more than 10,000 applications, well over half of last year's final applicant pool. But we will not keep growing like this, nor would we want to: we are intent on maintaining the human scale and close student-faculty interactions of what will remain the nation's smallest Land Grant institution with a medical school. There may be slow organic growth in later years, but the long-planned end of our growth spurt is in sight."

Committee Chair Debbie McAneny said she came to the conclusion that taking on more debt was wise and necessary because of the rigor and care put into strategic financial planning and budgetary stress testing. She said passing the new debt policy was "responsible and within the fiduciary responsibility of the board."

Committee members praised the stipulation that at least 25 percent of construction or rehabilitation projects be funded by non-debt funds such as private fundraising or grants. This led to a discussion about the importance of increasing private donations to help fund future projects. Marcus Diamond, vice president for development and alumni relations, said he was optimistic about the university's chances of raising private funds. Committee member Robert Cioffi said the next major fundraising campaign could raise significantly more than the record-setting \$278 million comprehensive campaign that ended in 2007, based on the number of potential major donors and a recent analysis of the university's top 1,000 donors.

Educational Policy and Institutional Resources: Trustees heard mostly positive findings from a comprehensive report by the University Planning Council presenting 48 indicators of how well UVM is meeting strategic goals Fogel and the trustees put into place in 2003.

"Overall UVM has achieved a great deal over the past five years," said report lead author Dale Jaffe, special assistant to the provost and professor of sociology.

"And there remains a good deal more to do," Jaffe added. He noted that the university has done particularly well in focusing its resources on institutional priorities and on strengthening academic programs, among other improvements. Efforts to create a diverse community and strengthen research received lower marks, he said.

Data collected from on-campus sources, including the 2005 Campus Climate Survey and enrollment data, and from national sources, including the National Survey of Student Engagement, were combined with financial information to create what Provost John Hughes described as a "dashboard" to guide the trustees and administration in steering UVM's next steps. These summaries ranged from multicultural interaction — "increased from 29 percent to 38 percent" — to post-graduation employment rates — "high and stable around 87 percent" — to levels of private funding — "steadily increased since 2002."

"Our intention is to use these indicators to tell us where we are going," said Hughes, adding that he and the president hope to appoint an advocate for each indicator who will track and report back on its progress or decline.

Full consideration of the report was postponed until the next meeting of the committee to make time for discussion of emergency renovations needed in Terrill Hall and for presentation of the president and provost's report on diversity, itself delayed since the previous meeting.

Information: [UVM Board of Trustees](#), [President's Report to Board of Trustees](#)

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Student's Sudan Efforts Help Win 'Teen Vogue' Contest

By Kevin Foley

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It was a slow summer afternoon in the New Sudan Education Initiative office, so intern Emma Vick idly surfed over to *Teen Vogue*.

The site's motto is "fashion starts here!", but as Vick scrolled down the page, it was a question that got her going, not a celebrity.

"Are you passionate about anything?" asked a small link announcing the publication's \$5,000 "Sweet Charity" contest. Well, yes, thought the sophomore anthropology and political science major, so she started typing.

Over the next half hour or so, she described her involvement with the nonprofit, emphasizing its goal of building 20 schools in impoverished Southern Sudan by 2015 and explaining how that mission connects with her deep belief that educating women can change an entire community. The next day, after editing her essay and running it by more experienced NESEI staff members, she sent it in and soon forgot about the whole thing.

Until she received an e-mail from the magazine. Vick read the message twice to be sure: Actor Natalie Portman, who appears on the cover of *Teen Vogue's* current December/January issue, had selected Vick's essay as the contest's winner. Vick would be mentioned in the magazine (and in a follow-up article) and the New Sudan Education Initiative would receive a \$5,000 donation. Vick herself had to stay silent until the magazine went to press.

"That was the hard part, I couldn't really tell the necessary people," Vick says. "I was dying for two months to tell everything."

After the magazine was published, Vick attended meetings with NESEI's leaders to decide what to do with the windfall money. The group decided upon Vick's preferred approach — using the contest winnings to seed a micro-lending program aimed at women in the communities where NESEI is building schools. Vick is now writing Portman a thank you note and trying to enlist the celebrity, who is also interested in development through micro-lending, as a NESEI supporter.

"It would be nice to have a high-profile supporter," Vick says. "We're at least going to try to keep in contact with her."

Vick, who is vice president of the nonprofit's on-campus club,

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prizes her experience with NESEI: professionally, socially and intellectually. The start-up group, which won a prestigious World Bank grant in May and will open its first school next May, allowed her to contribute in a variety of ways. "One of the best things was that it was new and emerging," Vick says. "If they had a bigger staff, I probably wouldn't have been doing all the things I was doing."

The summer was a "blur" for Vick; she helped design and format the group's materials and collaborated on designing a campus lecture tour for NESEI founder (and UVM alumnus) Abraham Awolich, dealing with everything from content to logistics to negotiating honoraria. The best part of the work, though, wasn't work.

"It was collaborating closely with Sudanese people and learning about them," she says, pointing out that the heavy involvement of Sudanese at every level of the group will be crucial to the success of the nonprofit's mission in Africa. Vick's new friends were personally meaningful, as well. "All the American interns lived together in a house downtown, and the Sudanese would come over Monday nights for dinner and movies. We formed a little community," Vick says.

Vick will make her first trip to Africa this summer. She hopes to attend the opening of NESEI's first school and has arranged to volunteer for three months in a refugee camp in Ghana, a stint which she will follow with a semester abroad in the country. The time, Vick hopes, will help her accomplish her goal of making a career out of working with women in developing countries, a path inspired by her mother's long history of working in women's health.

In the short term, Vick is looking forward to talking more about NESEI in *Teen Vogue's* follow up article about her efforts — and maybe, just maybe, a call from Natalie Portman.

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Clinical and Translational Research Grant a Key Initiative for 2008

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By Eleanor Osborne

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UVM recently submitted an application for a Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) to the National Institutes of Health.

The CTSA is a prestigious and innovative program that seeks to transform the way academic medical centers approach clinical and translational research and to promote an integrated academic home for this type of research. Translational research is the clinical application of scientific medical research from the lab to the bedside and from the bedside to the community.

What would a CTSA grant bring?

Prestige, infrastructure and additional funding.

Currently, UVM receives \$2.5 million annually from the NIH for the General Clinical Research Center (GCRC), which is one of 54 centers nationwide providing infrastructure for efficient, productive, high-quality scientific research. The CTSA grant would help create a Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) that would include the GCRC and, at the same time, bring up to \$6 million of additional research funding a year to the institution.

What would this new clinical and translational center do?

The CCTS would:

- Enhance interdisciplinary research
- Provide educational and career pathways for the next generation of clinical and translational researchers.

“A focus of the program,” said Richard Galbraith, M.D., Ph.D., associate dean for patient-oriented research and director of the General Clinical Research Center, “is to bring the benefits of research not just to the bedside but out into the larger community.”

An example, please?

The tobacco cessation efforts from behavioral researchers in the UVM Department of Psychiatry and Office of Health Promotion Research are one example of work originating at an academic medical center that addresses a specific community health issue. These efforts, which complement extensive programs from the state, have contributed significantly to Vermont's comparatively low smoking rate — and that lower rate is one reason why Vermont was

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identified as the healthiest state in the country by a national health group.

Would the center have a physical location? Would it change the university's academic offerings?

Yes and yes. The proposal is to house the CCTS in a new space at the College of Medicine, with clinical research space at Fletcher Allen. Faculty and staff from many colleges and departments at UVM and Fletcher Allen would come together and work in this new space. In addition, the NIH-funded K30 Curriculum in Clinical Research Training — which is designed to attract and train talented individuals to the challenges of clinical research — would be augmented by offering M.S. or Ph.D. degrees in Clinical and Translational Science and fellowships for career development.

How does the application process work?

Galbraith led a multidisciplinary group of faculty and staff from UVM and Fletcher Allen in developing the grant proposal. To date, 24 academic medical centers have received CTSA awards. The NIH plans to award 60 grants in total.

This is the second time UVM has applied for the grant; since its first application in March of 2006, UVM and Fletcher Allen have made significant improvements to the infrastructure and educational foundation of clinical and translational science at UVM, including:

- Approval by the UVM Board of Trustees for new space in the College of Medicine and commitment by the dean of the College of Medicine for a substantial amount of this new space to be the home for the Vermont Center for Clinical and Translational Science
- The continued provision of current GCRC space in the Baird Building for future CCTS operations, with plans for new research facilities in the Ambulatory Care Center at Fletcher Allen Health Care.

“These major achievements,” said Dr. Galbraith, “as well as the unprecedented commitment of will, dollars and space by Fletcher Allen Health Care and the University of Vermont, have provided the infrastructure on which our CTSA application was based.”

What if we still don't get it?

If this year's application is not funded, UVM will have two additional opportunities to re-apply. Institutions that do not receive CTSA grants by 2010 will lose their General Clinical Research Center and K30 funding.

“As Vermont's academic medical center, it is essential that we continue to be able to recruit top talent in the scientific research realm,” said Dr. Melinda Estes, Fletcher Allen president and CEO. “That is why we have identified the application for a CTSA grant as one of our key initiatives for fiscal year 2008. This is an important part of our efforts to be a national model for the delivery of high

quality, academic health care for a rural region.”

When will recipients from this round of applications be announced?

The NIH is expected to announce CTSA awards in May, 2008.



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Staff Council Elects New President, Makes Salary Recommendation

By The View Staff

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Staff Council elected Eileen Hanerfeld as its 29th president on Dec. 5, making her the first president to serve two terms since the governing body's creation in 1971.

Hanerfeld, who has worked at UVM since 2001 and was promoted to Faculty Senate Administrative Coordinator three years later, served as Staff Council president in 2006 and will now complete the term of Zancy VonHooks, who left the university in October. Karla Nuisl, who had been serving as acting president in VonHooks' absence, will return to her position as vice president.

Hanerfeld joined Staff Council in 2004, was elected vice president in 2005, and has served on numerous council committees. She has also served on the executive committee of the Board of Trustees; President Daniel Mark Fogel's Governance Leaders' Group; and the Dining Advisory Committee. She is currently a member of the Fiscal Priorities Oversight Committee chaired by Provost John Hughes. Hanerfeld is a second semester junior in the College of Arts and Sciences with a double major in classical civilization and religion.

Staff Council members also voted to recommend to administration a four percent across-the-board salary increase for non-represented staff in fiscal year 2009. The recommendation also provides an additional one percent increase for merit and another one percent for compression and market to be held centrally and used university-wide.

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Survey Finds Students Like Campus Recreation, Dislike Paying For It

By Jon Reidel

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A recent survey of UVM students makes two things clear: they have an insatiable appetite for top-notch recreation facilities, but they don't want to pay for them.

Neither finding by consultants Brailsford & Dunlavy, a facility planning and program management firm hired by the university, seemed to come as a surprise to the committee that heard their findings on Nov. 29.

The Campus Life Task Force II was convened by the Board of Trustees to determine the level of need, if any, for an activities center focused on event planning, health and well-being, college athletics, and student activities such as intramurals and exercise space.

The survey revealed some interesting information about how and where students recreate and what they expect from a Division I athletics program. Conducted from Nov. 13-19, the survey was sent to all students via email and was completed by 1,692 of them for a 15 percent response rate. A similar survey was conducted when the first campus life task force investigated the need for a student center.

When students exercise, they usually head to Gucciardi Fitness Center (63 percent of the time) or the adjacent cage/indoor track (48 percent). Patrick Gymnasium (47 percent) placed third, followed by outdoor fields; Gutterson ice rink; racquetball/squash; Forbush Pool; and the indoor tennis courts.

Outside, running is the activity of choice (50.8 percent), followed closely by hiking and camping; skiing; walking; and biking. To accommodate the need, consultants from Brailsford & Dunlavy said Gucciardi would need to double in size.

Students said their exercise habits would change, however, if newer and larger facilities were built. If new facilities were always available, 72 percent of students said they would use them "a lot more" or "somewhat more." More than 55 percent of the students who choose not to exercise on campus (almost 20 percent are members of private off-campus health clubs) say they do so because UVM facilities are too crowded.

Some other findings:

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- More than 20 percent of students said they participate in Outing Club–related activities such as hiking, snowboarding and skiing. John Abbott, assistant director for student life, told committee members that UVM’s snowboarding club has a membership of 1,400 and is the second largest in the nation behind the University of Colorado.
- Twenty–three percent of students said they have never attended a game featuring a UVM team; but 75 percent reported attending at least one athletic event per year. A chunk of dedicated fans (35 percent) attend between three and nine games a year. The biggest reason for not attending more games was availability of tickets and poor conditions and appearance of facilities.
- Forty–six percent of students say they never use student health services. Some 30 percent use these services occasionally with another 16 percent using them two or times per year. Of the ones who use health services, 54 percent are satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of services and programs. Parking and fees were the biggest causes of dissatisfaction.
- When asked to prioritize renovating and expanding recreational, athletic and health services facilities, about 75 percent checked off either medium, high or very high priority. Students said health services was the highest priority at 91 percent, followed by recreation (86 percent) and athletics (79 percent).

How likely would students be to support a student fee increase to help pay for improvements?

Not likely. Fifty–seven percent said they would be very or somewhat unlikely to support an increase. Those somewhat or very likely to support higher fees for better facilities totaled 29 percent. The rest wanted more information. “There’s a definitely a sensitivity around paying for them,” said a rep from Brailsford & Dunlavy.



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Golden Key Awards Honor Top Students

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By The View Staff
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The university honored the top 15 percent of its juniors and seniors and high performing graduate students at the 14th annual Golden Key induction ceremony on Nov. 30 in Carpenter Auditorium.

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In addition to the 131 new student members, the UVM chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society, an organization that recognizes and encourages scholastic achievement and excellence among college and university students, named Sarah Perzanowski of the College of Arts and Sciences as the new chapter advisor and Martha Woodman, lecturer of business administration, and Robert Tyzbir, professor of nutrition and food sciences, as 2007 honorary members. They were chosen based on their commitment to higher education and outstanding support to students.

As keynote speaker, Woodman used personal stories to illustrate her enthusiasm and dedication to learning and teaching. Guest speaker Andrea Valle, a representative from Teach for America, spoke about the importance of literacy in the school system.

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Robert J. Kelm, Jr., assistant professor of medicine and biochemistry, **Anna M. Knapp** and **Jon E. Ramsey**, pre-doctoral fellows in biochemistry, and **Shu-Xia Wang**, laboratory research technician in biochemistry, co-authored an article titled "Structure-Function Analysis of Mouse Pur B II: Conformation Altering Mutations Disrupt Single-Stranded DNA and Protein Interactions Crucial to Smooth Muscle α -Actin Gene Repression" in the Dec. 7 issue of the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*.

Rick Vanden Bergh, associate professor of business administration, co-authored an article with Guy Holburn of the University of Western Ontario in *Business & Politics* titled "Targeting Corporate Political Strategy: Theory and Evidence from the U.S. Accounting Industry." The article analyzes the interaction between a firm and multiple government institutions to develop predictions about how firms target their political strategies at different branches of government when seeking favorable public policies. Vanden Bergh and Holburn develop a hypothesis that firms will target their resources at the institution that is "pivotal" in the policy-making process. They find empirical support for their thesis in an analysis of how U.S. accounting firms shifted their political campaign contributions between the House and Senate in response to the threat of new regulations governing auditor independence during the 1990s.

Masha Ivanova, research assistant professor of psychiatry, and **Thomas M. Achenbach**, professor of psychiatry and psychology, recently co-authored six peer-reviewed articles that report comparisons of the level and patterning of behavioral and emotional problems reported by parents, teachers and children in dozens of societies around the world. The papers include "Testing the 8-syndrome structure of the Child Behavior Checklist in 30 societies" in the *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*; "Testing the Teacher's Report Form syndromes in 20 societies" in the *School Psychology Review*; "The generalizability of the Youth Self-Report syndrome structure in 23 societies" in the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*; "Behavioral and emotional problems reported by parents of children ages 6 to 16 in 31 societies" in the *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*; "Consistency of teacher-reported problems for students in 21 countries" in the *School Psychology Review*; and "Epidemiological comparisons of problems and positive qualities reported by adolescents in 24 countries" in the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*.

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Richard Kast, clinical assistant professor of psychiatry, co-authored a paper in the April 19, 2007 *New England Journal of Medicine* titled "Dopamine agonists and valvular heart disease." Kast was also a co-author on the following articles: "Using blood brain barrier disruption by methamphetamine for drug delivery" in the October 2007 *Journal of Neurooncology*; and "How lithium treatment generates neutrophilia by enhancing phosphorylation of GSK-3, increasing HIF-1 levels and how this path is important during engraftment" in the October 2007 *Bone Marrow Transplantation*.

Awards and Honors

Ken Bauer, assistant professor of community development and applied economics, has been selected as the winner of the Junior Scholar Award by the American Anthropological Association's Anthropology and Environment section for his paper, "Common Property and Power: Insights from a Spatial Analysis of Historical and Contemporary Pasture Boundaries among Pastoralists in Central Tibet."

Stephanie McConaughy, research professor of psychiatry, psychology and education, was appointed associate editor of the *School Psychology Review*, one of the leading journals in the field of school psychology. Her new book, titled *Collaborating with Parents for Early School Success: The Achieving-Behaving-Caring Program*, was released in October by Guilford Publications.

Betty Rambur, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, **Barbara McIntosh**, professor of business administration, and **MaryVal Palumbo**, director of the Office of Nursing Workforce, were honored in November at the 2007 International Awards in Nursing Excellence by Sigma Tau International (a nursing honor society) for the best publication in the profession and society category. The article "Educational Preparation as a Determinant of Career Retention and Job Satisfaction Among American Registered Nurses" was published in the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*.

Stephen Higgins, professor of psychiatry and psychology, received notice that his National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Drug Abuse grant to continue researching outpatient treatments for cocaine dependence in the UVM Substance Abuse Treatment Center received a fundable priority score (134 and 9.6 percentile ranking). This NIH-funded program has offered free treatment for cocaine dependence to hundreds of addicted adults from the Vermont community over the past 18 years and will now be able to continue doing so for at least another five years.

Conference Activities

Department of Communication Sciences faculty and graduate and undergraduate students participated in the 2007 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention held in Boston Nov. 16-17. This year's convention coincided with the first annual CMSI alumni social hosted by the department.

Patricia Prelock, professor and chair of communication sciences, co-chaired the 2007 ASHA convention and is vice president elect for ASHA Quality of Services in Speech-Language Pathology.

Prelock presented with current and former graduate students on three poster presentations. She collaborated with current graduate student, **Courtney Ehlers**, and faculty colleagues, **Tiffany Hutchins**, Rebecca McCauley and **Sarah Burchard**, on a poster presentation titled: "Effects of communicative contexts on narratives of children with ASD." She also collaborated with Hutchins, McCauley and former graduate student **Emily Schug** on a poster titled: "Supporting social skills in one child with autism"; and she collaborated with colleagues **Michael Cannizzaro**, **Dinah Smith** and former graduate student **Meena Tondravi** on a poster titled: **Conversational skills of children who are deaf with cochlear implants.**

Michael Cannizzaro, an assistant professor of communication sciences, collaborated with current and former graduate and undergraduate students on several poster presentations. These students included current graduate student **Jessica Decker** on a poster titled: "Narrative discourse treatment in persons with traumatic brain injury"; former graduate student **Danielle Johnson** on a poster titled: "Comprehension of the matrix clause in embedded sentences in agrammatism"; and a former undergraduate student, **Brenda Lovette**, on a poster titled: "Attendance in communication groups and QOL in persons with aphasia."

Gayle Belin, clinical associate professor of communication sciences, participated in her third year as the only Vermont representative to the Legislative Council of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The council met in Boston during the convention. Belin has recently been became president-elect of the Vermont Speech Language Hearing Association to begin January 2008. She will assume her presidency in January 2009.

Barry Guitar, professor of communication science, participated in a two-hour seminar with colleagues discussing "Fluency disorders: Examining the past — cultivating the future." He also collaborated with a former graduate student, **Danra Kazenski**, and fellow faculty McCauley and **Bill Falls**, associate professor of psychology, on a poster titled: "Physiological responses to stress in preschool children who stutter." In addition, he collaborated with former graduate student, **Ashley Clark**, on a poster presentation entitled: "Distance adaptations of the Lidcombe program: A case study."

Professor **Rebecca McCauley** presented a one hour seminar with several colleagues on: "The effectiveness of oral-motor exercises: An evidence-based systematic review." She also collaborated with former graduate student, **Allyson Hathaway**, on a poster titled: "Assessment & management of tongue-tie in children: A survey of related professionals"; and former graduate student, **Jessica Dillon-Stathacopulos**, on a poster titled: "Target-selection strategy effects on phonological learning in preschool twins."

Many CMSI students volunteered at the convention including

graduate students **Cocoa Blake, Sarah “Freddie” Cousins, Laura Bonazinga, Courtney Ehlers** and undergraduate **Erin Greer Mealy**.

Nov. 28, 2007

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Department of Social work faculty members **Martha Dewees**, emerita associate professor, and **Fiona Patterson**, associate professor, and staff member **Lisa Lax** were recognized at the annual meeting of the National Association of Social Workers (Vermont chapter) with exemplary service awards for their work on behalf of the chapter.

Nov. 14, 2007

Publications and Presentations

A study co-authored by **Kathleen Trybus** and **Susan Lowey**, professors of molecular physiology and biophysics, titled "The R403Q Myosin Mutation Implicated in Familial Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Causes Disorder at the Actomyosin Interface" appeared in the Nov. 12 issue of *PLoS ONE*, an international, peer-reviewed, open-access, online publication published by the Public Library of Science (PLoS), a nonprofit organization.

Garrison Nelson, professor of political science, gave a lecture on "Presidential Selection and the New Hampshire Primary" at the University of New Hampshire on Oct. 31. An op-ed article written by Nelson titled "Border Wars in Fight for the Presidency" appeared in the *Boston Globe* on Nov. 3. Nelson also gave two presentations at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on Nov. 17, including a roundtable discussion on "The Presidential Selection System: Is It Broken?" and a professional paper titled "Middlemen No More: Emergent Patterns in Congressional Leadership Selection." A shorter version will be published in 2008 in *P.S.: Political Science and Politics*, a journal of the American Political Science Association.

Dennis Clougherty, professor of physics, gave an invited lecture at Harvard University's Institute for Theoretical Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics. The lecture, "Fluctuation-induced Quantum Reflection," was part of an international workshop on the phenomenon of quantum reflection. Quantum reflection is a classically counterintuitive phenomenon whereby the motion of particles is reverted "against the force" acting on them. This effect is manifested in the wave nature of particles and influences collisions of ultra-cold atoms with solid surfaces, a topic of increasing importance in the emerging field of quantum information processing.

David Kerr, associate professor in the Department of Animal Science, gave a presentation entitled, "Genomic Responses of the Bovine Mammary Gland and Epithelial Cells to Acute LPS Challenge" with coauthors **Melissa Latshaw, Ravi Pareek** and **Jun Zheng**, research assistants in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, and **Jeffrey Bond**, research associate professor